



*March 9, 2012*

**Congratulations to the Engineering Department and RPM Transportation Consultants.** This week the Cool Springs Area Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Expansion won a Grand Award in the 2012 Engineering excellence Awards statewide competition sponsored by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee. **Kevin Comstock** served as project engineer for the City. Read more here <http://www.williamsonherald.com/home?id=79030>.



*Pictured Left to Right are David Donoho-Smith Seckman and Reid- Construction Inspection on the Project; Daniel Spann - RPM Transportation Consultants - Project Engineer for the City Kevin Comstock; Robert P Murphy- Owner and President of RPM Transportation Consultants; Eric Stuckey; Mayor Ken Moore; Gerald Bolden- formerly of RPM, Design Engineer for the Project*

In the fall of 2011, the City jointly applied for the **Department of Energy (DOE) Sunshot Grant** along with the cities of Nashville, Knoxville, and Memphis, the University of Tennessee (UT), TVA, MTEMC, and other power distributors. DOE awarded UT a \$622,000 grant to help participating cities and utilities streamline the zoning, permitting, and interconnection processes for solar projects. **Dan Allen from Engineering** and **Andrew Orr from Planning and Sustainability** attended a kickoff meeting in Knoxville to discuss the City's review process to take a solar project from design to construction. Through this effort, the City will make the process for installing solar

expedient, clear, and predictable. The City will not outlay any funds, but is contributing staff time and also receiving technical assistance from UT.

Congratulations to the men and women of the Franklin Fire Department who were honored this week for their bravery and saving lives. Some of the pictures have been posted on our facebook site. Here are a few here. Rookie of the year Firefighter Dustin Anderson; Engineer of the year Anthony Sedlack; Richey Schatz, Firefighter of the year; and Lt. Sean Smith, Officer of the year.



**Franklin Fire's Jamie Melton and Firefighter Rondell Clark and Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Posey partnered with Home Depot for the "Ladies Night" and entertained the ladies with a fire safety lesson. They talked about severe weather, smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. The group also got to practice extinguishing a real fire with Franklin Fire's Live Fire extinguisher prop. About 40 women attended the seminar.**



Now is the time to start scheduling your **summer vacation**. LifeServices EAP has useful information to help you plan your trip. Log on to [www.lifeserviceseap.com](http://www.lifeserviceseap.com) for more information. Once you are on the main page click Website Services Login and type in Username: franklin Password: employee. Under the "Living" link at the top you'll see a link to travel and leisure time. There is information on air travel, passport info, travel safety and traveling with pets and children. This is a free service from EAP.

**Recent birthday girl Sara Sylvis is this week's winner for the Mayor's parking space. HR Director Shirley Harmon nominated Sara.** Shirley Said, *"I would like to nominate Sara Sylvis for the Mayor's parking spot. Sara does so much behind the scenes. One example is ordering the Christmas Breakfast food and getting a large discount. Sara never wants credit for the things she does, but deserves lots of Kudos! We never ask her to do anything that she doesn't do expertly and with a smile. Great employee and co-worker."* **Sara can begin parking in the Mayor's spot Monday, March 12. Nominate anyone you see doing a good job at [agoodjob@franklintn.gov](mailto:agoodjob@franklintn.gov).**

**Have a great weekend. Thanks for all you do!**

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